



CSSI Update

*A newsletter for Procurement and Contracting Officials and Purchasing Authority Contacts
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Key Contract Dates

The Department of General Services anticipates that several new CSSI contracts will be awarded in the near future. Please visit the CSSI Key Contract Dates Calendar at: <http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/strategic/ContractKeyDates2005.doc>

The Key Contract Dates table presents the **tentative** award dates for upcoming contracts. Please note that these contract award dates are **subject to change**.

Contact Information for CSSI Contracts

Need specific information on awarded strategically sourced contracts? Contact the DGS representatives listed below, or visit the CSSI Web site at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing and click on Strategically Sourced Contracts.

CSSI Contract Category	Contact Information
Medical Related Goods: Proprietary Pharmaceuticals	Mallie Stone Tel: (916) 375-4478 Mallie.Stone@dgs.ca.gov
Office Supplies	Hiroko Kurosawa Tel: (916) 375-4382 Hiroko.Kurosawa@dgs.ca.gov
Pursuit Vehicles	Buddy Nichols Tel: (916) 375-4452 Buddy.Nichols@dgs.ca.gov

CAL-Buy: the State's Online Purchasing System for Strategically Sourced Contracts

Strategic Sourcing uses state-of-the-art tools to increase the efficiency and effectiveness



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of the procurement process. One of these tools is electronic purchasing, and the DGS is using the Internet-based tool, CAL-Buy, to automate the procurement of select, strategically sourced contracts.

Most of the strategically sourced contracts for goods will be available for purchase in CAL-Buy, including IT Hardware, Office Equipment, Maintenance Repair and Operations Supplies, and Vehicles.

During April and May, DGS Director Ron Joseph met with executive staff from many of the largest State departments, asking for their support in making this important electronic tool available to their procurement staff. CAL-Buy staff is currently meeting with State procurement professionals to begin collecting the data needed to automate their department's purchases.

Strategically Sourced Office Equipment

For the latest information on specifications for digital copiers, please click on the link provided below. Please note that these specifications for digital copiers (black and white, 15 copies per minute to 55 copies per minute) represent the minimum specifications or product attributes that bidders must meet or exceed. Those models that meet these specifications will be published once the contract(s) has been awarded.

<http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/strategic/specsdigitalcopiers.pdf>

Strategically Sourced IT Hardware

For the latest information on common configurations for IT Hardware-Personal Computing Goods and IT Hardware-Enterprise, please click on the link provided below.

<http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/Commonconfiguration-IT.htm>

Need More Info?

For the latest information on awarded or upcoming strategically sourced contracts, please visit the CSSI Web site at www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing or call the CSSI Information Line at 1-866-885-8344.